

E-002, 274/SA-91-409 ORDER APPROVING CHANGES IN ASSIGNED SERVICE
AREAS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Petition of
Northern States Power Company
and Moorhead Public Service
Department to Adjust Their
Mutual Service-Territory
Boundary

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On May 30, 1991, Northern States Power Company (NSP) and Moorhead Public Service Department (Moorhead or the City) filed a joint petition requesting changes in their mutual service area boundaries. The utilities' proposal would transfer a 40-acre tract currently in NSP's assigned service area to Moorhead. The City is currently in the process of annexing the subject area; there are currently no customers or facilities within the tract. Since Moorhead will eventually be providing water and sewer service to the area, both utilities agree that it would be appropriate for Moorhead to provide electric service, also.

On June 24, 1991, the Department of Public Service (the Department) filed comments in support of the utilities' proposed boundary changes.

On July 16, 1991, the Commission sent a Notice of Commission Meeting to interested parties.

The matter came before the Commission for consideration on July 30, 1991.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.39, subd. 3, the Commission has the jurisdiction to change utility service area boundaries after notice and hearing.

In this case, no customers will experience a service disruption as a result of the boundary change. All parties were properly served with notice and no comments in opposition to the change were received. The boundary revision is in the public interest because residents of the subject area will eventually receive electric service from the City, which also provides sewer and water service.

The Commission will approve the utilities' proposed service area boundary changes.

ORDER

1. The proposed service area boundary changes are approved.
2. The Department of Public Service shall revise the official service area maps to reflect the boundary changes approved herein.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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